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RECAUTION ON UNC AND MEMBERSHIP IN DISCUSSION WITH
AMBASSADOR SCALI AND HIMSELF LAST WEEK (USUN 2975).

7. POPPER STRESSED WE SHOULD TAKE OUR TIME ON
UNC ISSUE. WE CANNOT TAMPER WITH ARMISTICE AGREEMENTS
AND MUST HAVE EQUIVALENT ARRANGEMENTS TO GUARANTEE
ROK SECURITY AND PEACE AND STABILITY. THIS IS
REASONABLE AND WE SHOULD STRESS THIS. AMBASSADOR
BENNETT SAID WE HAD BEEN STRUCK BY ALGERIAN AND
CHINESE EMPHASIS ON "UN FLAG" AS DISTINGUISHED FROM
UNC AND WONDERED IF THIS SIGNIFICANT. POPPER
OBSERVED 1950 SC RES AUTHORIZED USE OF FLAG AND THUS
IT DIFFICULT DISTINGUISH UNC AND UN FLAG ISSUES. IN
ANY CASE, POLITICAL EFFECT OF ADVERSE RES WOULD BE
HARMFUL, WHATEVER THE LEGALITIES.

8. FONMIN KIM REITERATED THAT USG BIALTERAL
TALKS WITH PRC ON UNC AND ARMISTICE AGREEMENT RELATED
ISSUES ARE ESSENTIAL. FOR PAST TWO YEARS ROK HAS
ASSUMED PRC INTERESTED IN STABILITY OF KOREAN PENINSULA.
HOWEVER, IF PRC ONLY WANTS ARMISTICE AGREEMENT ANNULLED,
WITHOUT HELPING ESTABLISH ALTERNATE ARRANGEMENTS, THIS
WILL CREATE ADDITIONAL TENSIONS AND WILL FORCE ROKG
TO RECONSIDER ITS PRESENT POLICIES. U.S. IS ONLY POWER
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THAT CAN EFFECTIVELY APPROACH PRC ON THIS SUBJECT AND KIM MADE IT CLEAR HE THINKING IN TERMS OF CHOU EN LAI. FOR ITS PART KIM SAID ROKG IS FLEXIBLE AND REALISTIC. IT IS WILLING TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE ARRANGMENTS BUT ONLY IN THE CONTEXT OF ASSURING CONTINUED PEACE AND STABILITY. HOWEVER, PRC MUST BE WILLING TO RESPOND IN LIKE MANNER. POPPER SAID USG HAD FULL APPRECIATION OF SITUATION AND WAS GIVING MOST SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO THIS ASPECT OF PROBLEM.

9. FONMIN ASKED ABOUT POSSIBILITY THAT SC MIGHT TAKE UP KOREA/UNC PROBLEM AS TACTIC TO PRECLUDE GA CONSIDERATION (SINCE UNDER CHARTER GA PRECLUDED FROM DISCUSSING SUBJECT UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION IN SC). POPPER SAID THIS TECHNICALLY CORRECT, BUT AS INITIAL REACTION HE MUST QUESTION VALUE OF USING SC AS A FORUM FOR THIS PROBLEM. IT WOULD ONLY CREATE OPEN CONFLICT AMONG PERMANENT SC MEMBERS. KIM SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT POINT AND ADDED HE AWARE THAT VOTE IN SC COULD ALSO BE ADVERSE AND IF VETO WERE EXERCISED, THIS WOULD HURT ROK CHANCES IN GA. NOTED THIS IS A PROBLEM WHICH HE WOULD HAVE TO STUDY FURTHER.

10. REFERRING TO LANGUAGE TABLED BY U.S. ON UNC IN WORKING GROUP MEETING AUGUST 27 (USUN 3000), KIM ASKED WHO WERE "PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED". POPPER SAID OUR INTENTION WAS TO REFER TO SOUTH-NORTH RECONCILIATION EFFORT AND TO ENSURE THAT PARTIES CONCERNED DEALT WITH ISSUE RATHER THAN SECURITY COUNCIL OR OTHER BROADER GROUP.

11. KIM SAID U.S. LANGUAGE IS ACCEPTABLE TO HIM BUT NOTED POSSIBLE DESIRABILITY OF SPECIFIC "UN FLAG" LANGUAGE IF THIS BECOMES NECESSARY TO COUNTER ANY ALGERIAN CLAIM THAT CURRENT REFERENCE TO UNC IN OUR RES DID NOT PRECLUDE SEPARATE VOTE ON OTHER UN FLAG PROPOSALS.

12. FONMIN STRESSED THAT MORE WORK NEEDED IN
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AFRICAN COUNTRIES. ROKG SOUNDINGS INDICATE DETERIORATION IN THEIR AFRICAN POSITION, WITH ONLY SEVEN AFS FOR AND 15 OPPOSED ROKG POSITION. THIS BAD SITUATION CAUSED BY PRC STATUS IN AREA AS RESULT AID PROGRAMS AND POLITICAL CULTIVATION, NOT NORTH KOREAN LOBBYING. IN EFFORT TO COUNTER THIS AND EXPECTED RADICAL PUSH AT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE, KIM HAS ASKED TUNISIANS

TO INVITE ALGERIAL FONMIN TO VISIT SEOUL. KIM ALSO SPECIFICALLY SOUTH U.S. HELP IN CANVASSING AFRICANS.

13. POPPER REFERRED TO PRELIMINARY CANVASS RE CONCURRENT MEMBERSHIP AND CONVEYED RESULTS OF SOUNDINGS PER STATE 169927. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIRECTOR HAN GAVE ROK ESTIMATE. ACCORDING HAN, ROKG FIGURES 57 YES, 15 QUALIFIED YES, AND 27 OPPOSED TO CONCURRENT ADMISSION, WITH THE OTHERS UNCERTAIN OUT OF 122 TOTAL COUNTRIES EITHER CANVASSED OR WHOSE VOTING IS PREDICTABLE (E.G. COMMUNIST COUNTRIES).

14. KIM ALSO RENEWED THE ROKG REQUEST FOR U.S. APPROACH TO PAKISTAN, DURING BHUTTO'S VISIT TO U.S.

15. ON PROCEDURAL ISSUES, NEITHER KIM NOR POPPER SAW PARTICULAR PROBLEMS IN GENERAL COMMITTEE AND AGREED IT BEST LEAVE TO NEW YORK WHETHER TO SEEK GROUPING OF UNCURK AND ALGERIAN ITEMS. PROCEDURE FOR INVITATIONS THROUGH CONSENSUS APPROACH AS WORKED OUT IN NEW YORK ALSO AGREEABLE.

16. KIM EXPRESSED STRONG PREFERENCE OF ROKG FOR SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF KOREAN ITEM LATE IN SESSION, SPECIFICALLY AFTER MID-NOVEMBER. EXPLAINED ADDITIONAL TIME NECESSARY FOR FIRENDLY LOBBYING EFFORT AND PARTICULARLY FOR ANY DIRECT U.S. BILATERAL TALKS WITH PRC. POPPER AND BENNETT OBSERVED LATE DISCUSSIONS COULD WORK TWO WAYS. ATMOSHPERE IN GA OFTEN DETERIORATES TOWARD END OF SESSION, FACT WHICH MIGHT WORK AGAINST OUR INTERESTS. HOWEVER, WE HAVE NO STRONG FEELINGS, BUT SUGGEST WE KEEP THIS QUESTION OPEN FOR TIME BEING.

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17. KIM CONCLUDED IT IS ROKG HOPE THAT 1973 WOULD BE LAST YEAR OF UN DISCUSSION ON KOREA. CURRENT ROKG INITIATIVES WERE DESIGNED IN PART TO TAKE DISCUSSION KOREA OUT OF UN, AND ROKG IS TIRED OF WASTEFUL ANNUAL EFFORTS TO SECURE SUPPORT ALL OVER THE WORLD.

18. IN CONCLUSION, FONMIN KIM AND POPPER AGREED THAT USG AND ROKG ARE IN CLOSEST AGREEMENT ON STRATEGY AND TACTICS IN HANDLING OF KOREAN QUESTION AT THIS YEAR'S UNGA.

19. COMMENT: VISIT BY POPPER AND BENNETT WARMLY WELCOMED BY ROKG, AND FONMIN KIM PERSONALLY. AS REPORTED ABOVE, POPPER'S SUBSTANTIVE EXCHANGE WITH

FONMIN KIM CONFIRMED EXISTING CLOSE AGREEMENT ON
HANDLING KOREAN ITEM AND PROVIDED A HIGHLY USEFUL
EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON EMERGEING TRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS
AS UNGA DN NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE NEARS.
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